

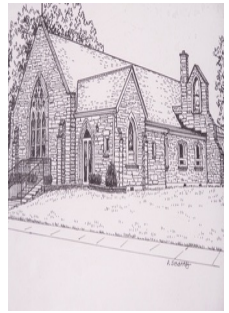


# St. Augustine Church

16777 St. Augustine Church Road  
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**Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 21, 2014**  
**Welcome to St. Augustine!!!**

Parish Website: [www.staugustinereed.org](http://www.staugustinereed.org)



We want to welcome our visitors and new parishioners! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Jegin. If you have not registered, we ask that you fill out a form from the back of church and mail or place it in the collection baskets.

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## Weekly Schedule - 12/20 - 12/28

Saturday	12/20	Mass	5:30 p.m. James Howard
Sunday	12/21	Mass	8:00 a.m. Joseph L. Schwartz
Monday	12/22	No Mass	
Tuesday	12/23	No Mass	
Wednesday	12/24	Mass	8:00 p.m.
Thursday	12/25	Mass	8:00 a.m.
Friday	12/26	No Mass	
Saturday	12/27	Mass	5:30 p.m. Bonnie Crabtree
Sunday	12/28	Mass	8:00 a.m. Lena Bell Cambron

## Ministries for 12/27 and 12/28

Servers:	5:30 p.m.	Olivia Miller
	8:00 a.m.	Henry & John Boeglin
Lectors:	5:30 p.m.	Dee Anna Booker
	8:00 a.m.	Barbara Smith
Eucharistic Ministers:	5:30 p.m.	Phyllis Schrecker, Connie Williams
	8:00 a.m.	Sonny and Linda Evans
Gifts:	5:30 p.m.	Judy Beasley Family
	8:00 a.m.	Janet Medley Family
Ushers:	5:30 p.m.	Larry & Joseph Schwartz
	8:00 a.m.	James Davis and Kathy Wolfe

## Ministries for 12/24 - 12/25

Servers:	5:30 p.m.	Volunteers
	8:00 a.m.	Sam Mitchell, Claire Boeglin
Lectors:	5:30 p.m.	Jamie Boeglin
	8:00 a.m.	Rob Mitchell
Eucharistic Ministers:	5:30 p.m.	Angela Peerman, Theresa Sauer
	8:00 a.m.	Ben Blair, Christa Hundley
Gifts:	5:30 p.m.	Dee Anna Booker Family
	8:00 a.m.	Ed Dunivan Family

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Yes, we are getting closer to the final destination of our Advent Journey. The Gospel of today comes to us with two messages of good news, the birth of Jesus and of St. John the Baptist. Certainly, this good news bring lots of hope and joy to the listeners but to the receivers it is not so because they mess up their ordinary human calculations. Yes that is why through prophet Isaiah 55:8 the Lord says, "my thoughts are not your thoughts, and my ways are not your ways" and so the Gospel says, "For nothing will be impossible for God." Yes, in every desperate moment of our lives let us live and help others to live that "nothing will be impossible for God."

From the Gospel, we understand that to actualize those two good news to each one of us Mary and Elizabeth had to face so many obstacles/barriers in their lives. Yes, Mary was a virgin, she did not have a relationship with a man and all the more she is hailing from Nazareth-remember the comment of Nathaniel in John 1:46 "Can anything good come from Nazareth? When we come to Elizabeth, the Gospel states that she was very old and called barren. Yes, Mary & Elizabeth had their own personal and social concerns, but they offered themselves to God and Mary proclaims "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" and thereby we have the good news.

As human beings everyone wants to hear good news, but did we ever think of becoming an instrument for good news in others lives, like Mary and Elizabeth? Yes, we have our own problems, difficulties, limitations and many other social concerns like Mary & Elizabeth, but at the same time it is good to remember that we have every potential to become an instrument like Mary and Elizabeth too.

Yes, we have been hearing the good news of Christmas for many years, so take a challenge this year to make this Christmas a different one by becoming an instrument for spreading the good news of Christmas in others life by breaking the barriers of personal and social concerns. Yes, let us join with Mary and Elizabeth and give our consent too, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Thus let Jesus be born in the manger of your beautiful hearts. God Bless you.

### Announcements

We will decorate the church for Christmas after Sunday morning Mass on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Donuts, coffee, milk, and orange juice will be provided!

Instead of food baskets for the needy this year, we ask that you donate to the St. Vincent de Paul collection. For the four weekends of Advent, we will have a second collection to help those in need of our prayers and support.

Next Parish Council Meeting is **Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.**  
Next Finance Committee Meeting is **Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.**

**Final results for the Reverse Raffle Dinner:** Total income \$19,395.00 less total expenses of \$5,661.18 for a **Net Income of \$13,733.82.**

It was requested by the Liturgical Committee at the November Parish Council Meeting that we consider eliminating our Saturday night Mass due to lack of servers, readers, and ministers. Father, therefore, suggested that from January through March that we eliminate the Saturday night Mass and only have the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday morning. This matter will be re-evaluated at the March Parish Council Meeting.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### Advent Penance Services Schedule:

- St. Stephen 12/21 at 3:00 pm
- St. Alphonsus 12/22 at 6:00 pm

#### Christmas Mass - St. Augustine:

- Christmas Eve Mass will be December 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm
- Christmas Day Mass will be December 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am

#### Solemnity of Mary (New Year's Eve)

- Mass at St. Augustine will be December 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm
- Mass at St. Peter's will be January 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Father is asking that anyone interested in becoming an Eucharistic Minister or wanting to learn how to serve, please contact him or a member of the Parish Council. Father will be scheduling a date and time for this in the near future.

### This Week's Birthdays:

Jacob Raley	12/22
Garrett Peerman	12/22
Christa Hundley	12/24

### This Week's Anniversaries:

#### **Church cleaner:**

Rita Haire 12/21 - 1/3

#### **Weekly Budget:**

**\$1,221.15**

<i>Collections:</i>	\$772.00
Retired Religious	\$160.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$214.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$28.00

### Please pray for the following:

Fr. Jegin  
Mary Angela Mitchell  
Paula Mayfield  
Debbie Ralph  
Joe Bill Merimee

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**Sacrament of Baptism:** The Sacrament of Baptism for infants is administered upon request. Parents and Godparents must attend an evening class on Baptism in the Catholic Church. Please contact the pastor and set up an appointment for this class at least a month in advance. At least one parent must be a practicing Catholic for their child to be baptized in the Catholic Church. Godparents must be at least 16 years of age and at least one must be a practicing Catholic.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:** The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is celebrated upon request, and at least four times a year at all the weekend Masses. Please notify the pastor or call the parish office if you know of anyone who might need this sacrament, but may not be able to notify the pastor personally. Please inform the pastor if you or any one in your family is in the hospital. If you notify us before surgery, we can celebrate this sacrament before you are admitted to the hospital. If your doctor is willing, we can also have a blessing for him/her at the time of your anointing.

**Sacraments to the Home Bound:** Please inform the pastor if you know of anyone who is homebound so that we can insure that they are afforded ample opportunities to receive the Sacraments. We would rather be notified by several people than to not be notified at all, so please don't presume that someone else has already notified us.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** A couple wishing to marry must contact the priest at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. According to the guidelines of our diocese, you should not make absolute plans for a specific wedding date until after meeting with the priest. The couple will be required to attend a marriage preparation course which will include at least one formal program such as an Engaged Encounter Weekend or the Sponsor Couple Program.